

Sport Sparks

By RON GEMMELL

Since Saturday night, when the old alma mater captured a state high school basketball tournament berth, folks haven't been able to touch your column conductor with a 10-foot pole. Is he proud?

Little old Helix high school (I guess they still wear the maroon and gold), a 60-student union high school in little old 150-population City of Helix (or less), situated a big mile north of the Pendleton-Walla Walla highway from Havanna station and surrounded by nothing but rolling wheat fields and summer fallow for a radius of 20 miles.

Claim there are 1,000,000 bushels of the yellow gold shipped from the district annually and also claim an annual per acre yield of 40 bushels over a 10-year period.

Seven blocks of honest-to-goodness pavement; a couple of grocery garages, one of which also houses the postoffice; a meat market; a barber shop and pool hall combined; one service station that is also equipped with a fountain, candy counter and the owner of which carries the mail from Pendleton; a big elevator; a number of warehouses; a flour mill that has been more or less idle since its erection; a hotel; a grade school; and the union high school, finished in 1923—just in time for your class—constitute the town's amenities.

How's Your Wheat, Mr.?

Five or six miles south of the town is a Finnish settlement; straight on north of the village is an extensive Norwegian community; to the west of the Norwegian community is a just as large German settlement; and to the southeast and east are just plain nature Americans.

And their interest is all the same: What the price of wheat is going to be this year and what are the prospects for crop. Yearly, they worry, worry, worry about the wheat crop, and yearly they worry up with a good one. A complete failure has never been known, and when the market was up over a buck a bushel no one drove larger cars or went more places than the wheat farmers.

All raise wheat and nothing but wheat, agriculturally speaking. It's a hilly country, so hilly a hay hand with whom I was once pitching bundles remarked: "If they'd flatten out this country the neighbors would be pushed back seven miles."

But they've always been ardently interested in basketball, even in the days when all games were played in one of the wheat warehouses where there was just room enough between the baskets and the ceiling to squeeze a basketball through, where the only heat was a big, coal-burning, pot-bellied depot stove that was a menace to the hides of hoopers, and where the floor was not only washboard but also uphill in spots.

They're the "Grizzlies."

Name of the school, by the way, isn't Helix Union high, but Grizzly Union high. It was so named in commemoration for the old town doctor, who, no matter how many feet of snow covered the ground, no matter what condition the roads and no matter how much he endangered his own health, always responded to call. During the first of the epidemic, old Doc Grizzly was credited with more success than any other doctor in Oregon. All he did was fill his patients full of good old-fashioned bicarbonate of soda.


And now the alma mater makes the big meet, and we are hoped for yearly while I was undergoing an exposure to Latin, algebra, chemistry, geometry, etc., but never quite made. In those days we would have had to beat out the A teams, as there were no separate B districts. At that time one might close one year, succumbing by one point in an overtime session to Milton-Freewater in the final game of the district tournament.

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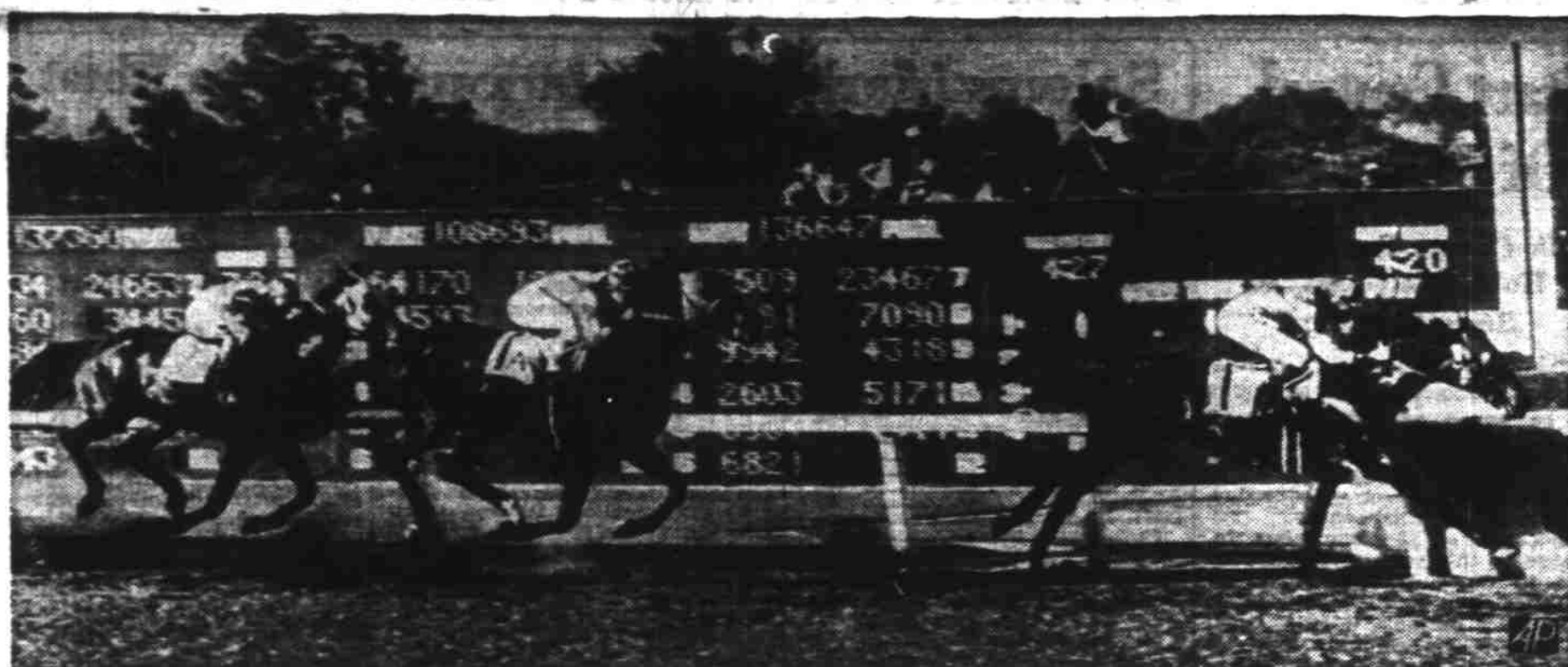
As the big doings now shape up, Klamath Falls and Salem would appear the class of the upper or B bracket, although Salem may find North Bend a tough nut to crack in the opener for the Vikings and the K. Falls Pelicans may find Baker a bit contrary.

In the lower bracket three teams loom as title contenders in this observer's opinion—Tillamook, Astoria and either Pendleton or The Dalles (whichever won out from district two last night).

Incidentally, this department



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Here's the mighty Seabiscuit scoring the greatest triumph of a great racing career, victory in the \$100,000 added Santa Anita handicap, which made him the biggest money winner in the annals of the American turf. Running second was his stablemate, Kayak II, with

Whichever third. Seabiscuit's victory brought \$86,650 net to his owner, C. S. Howard, and sent the Biscuit's all-time earnings soaring beyond the American turf record held by Sun Bean.

Hoop Finale for Regular Season Billed

Double Hoop Bill Slated Wednesday

Willamette vs. Linfield, & Salem vs. Kittens as Season Closes

Willamette U's hoopery was undergoing a de-Gleeting yesterday in preparation for tomorrow night's double header basketball business that will bring the curtain down on 1940's regular season for both Happy Howard Mapple's Bearcats and Harold Hauk's Salem high Vikings.

The 'Cats wind up their maple-board dueling against the Linfield type of 'Cats in a Northwest conference game that will decide whether the local collegians finish an uncontested second or in a tie for the also-ran position.

It will be a farewell appearance for one Bearcat—"Powder" Bob White, North Powder husky who came to Willamette via Eastern Oregon College of Education.

SMU's Morrison Moves to Temple

PHILADELPHIA, March 4.—(AP)—Ray Morrison, who won nationwide fame as "ringmaster of Southern Methodist's aerial circus," quit Vanderbilt today to become Temple university's football coach.

Morrison, who taught the Methodists and later Vanderbilt university gridgers the wide-open passing game which placed them among the most colorful teams in the game, succeeds Fred H. Swan who resigned to take the post as assistant to Andy Kerr at Colgate university.

Although university officials declined to disclose Morrison's salary it was authoritatively reported to be at least \$10,000 annually. He signed a five-year contract.

Hostak Signs for Title Go, Garcia

SEATTLE, March 4.—(AP)—Promoter Nate Druksman announced tonight the signing of Al Hostak of Seattle, recognized in 48 states as world middleweight champion, to defend his title against Ceferinio Garcia, recognized in New York and California as champion.

Salem Trapsters Whip 3 Opponents

74 in telegraphic firing Sunday, Salem trapshooters hung up a record enough to beat three opponents, and enough to hang tough with every other telegraphic team with the exception of one.

Perfect 25s were potted by Clarence Townsend and George Hurley, while Gordon Hull "dive" to receive the champion's end of the gate, 37 1/2 per cent. Druksman said he dispatched to George Parnassus, Garcia's manager, in Los Angeles an offer for the fight.

Bucketed—Here

Your basketball results are bucketed here daily. Dip 'em out each morning.

Western Sportsbag

By RUSSELL NEWLAND
SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—(AP)—The New York Yankees supposedly fear no club in baseball. If this is true why are two of their ace scouts, Joe Devine and Bill Essick, maneuvering in the vicinity of the Anaheim training camp of the Philadelphia Athletics?

Devine and Essick met by arrangement in Los Angeles last Friday. Devine explained his presence in Southern California was for the purpose of looking over a couple of hands farmed out to the Seattle club training at San Francisco. He added he intended to scout the Athletics while in the vicinity.

Do you suppose Manager Joe McCarthy of the Yankees will receive an expert appraisal of the 1940 Athletics one of these days? Does Wednesday follow Tuesday?

Rates a bouquet: A credit to boxing is the Filipino, Ceferinio Garcia, recognized as middleweight champion in New York and California. He's 23 years of age, an "old man" in ring classification. Seven years ago, disgusted with his progress, he intended to quit, told handlers to give away his equipment. Talked out of it, he bled punched himself into prominence.

Once Lost 21

He sat lastly on a bleacher plank at Plant field here, a long, loose, friendly fellow with nice ball player's hands.

Purdue Wins Big Ten

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., March 4.—(AP)—Purdue university won the Big Ten basketball championship tonight with a victory over Illinois, 34 to 31.

NEW TIGER By Jack Sords



Saucy Cincy Reds Won't Listen to Second Place Predictions; Appear Series Bound; Walters Is Serious

By WHITNEY MARTIN
TAMPA, Fla., March 4.—(AP)—The Cincinnati Reds are being picked in many quarters to finish no better than a robust second in the National league race this year, but apparently even their best friends won't tell them. They don't look or act like a team headed for anywhere but a world series.

It's an odd situation when a champion is rated no better than a dark horse, but the rating is defended by staunch arguments. Bucky Walters and Paul Derringer, they said, just can't have as good seasons as last year. Rival clubs will be stronger. Ernie Lombardi won't get up in time.

Coast Conference To Scan Schedule

PULLMAN, Wash., March 4.—(AP)—Earl V. Foster, Washington State college graduate manager, left today for Palo Alto to attend a meeting of the special Pacific coast conference football schedule committee.

Yanks, 'Big Red' Arrive at Terms

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 4.—(AP)—Charlie "Red" Ruffing, ace right hand pitcher of the New York Yanks, came to terms with the club today, cutting the hold-out list of the world champions to two.

Bishop on Quest For Senator Aid In Spring Camps

A special wire to The Statesman from Biddy Bishop, business manager of the Salem Senators now in California looking over prospective talent for the local entry in the Western International league, yesterday revealed Bishop had made a stop in Medford, evidently for the purpose of scheduling a game with Medford's Craters during the training season.

"I'll visit several training camps," said Bishop, "and expect to get ball players needed to give Salem a first division club. Will see two workouts each day."

Before leaving Salem for the California training camps Bishop said he intended visiting those of Hollywood, San Diego and San Francisco, each of which he said had promised support.

Local Sports

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Bowling Scores

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE

NASH FURNITURE CO.

Marr	192	154	157	504
Woody	163	150	158	471
Orate	151	146	149	446
Garbarino	129	148	152	429
King	156	134	152	442
Totals	843	832	821	2496

WESTERN PAPER CONVERTING CO.

Handicap	15	14	15	44
Ramp	163	155	158	476
Evans	129	148	152	429
Willecke	151	149	154	454
Busiens	152	154	158	474
Jennings	153	164	149	466
Totals	813	782	815	2410

PORTLAND GAS & COKE

Handicap	4	4	4	12
Larson	129	148	152	429
Bergqvist	153	160	161	474
Mayer	110	124	154	408
Harsh	130	128	141	409
Ricketts	122	127	133	382
Totals	795	804	809	2408

WILLAMETTE WRECKERS

Cherrington	171	169	155	495
Schmitt	127	128	136	391
Gustafson	111	127	135	373
English	170	148	154	472
Dahlberg	174	123	126	423
Totals	766	804	861	2331

FRIESEN FURNITURE CO.

Handicap	20	20	20	60
McIntire	129	148	152	429
Froese	127	168	161	456
Grant	140	143	148	431
Patterson	151	147	157	455
Kuch	177	176	150	503
Totals	797	839	866	2502

KREKO LUNCH

Gallagher	155	239	174	568
Lloyd	130	166	155	451
Garbarino	129	148	152	429
Austin	172	174	214	560
Nufer	148	174	190	512
Totals	740	947	892	2579

ALLEN HARDWARE CO.

Handicap	9	9	9	27
R. E. Ebner	123	200	165	488
Harsh	127	148	152	427
Horton	155	143	160	458
Pleasant	180	244	169	593
Masser	190	147	198	535
Totals	814	920	775	2509

COOK'S OFFICE BOYS

Bernice	198	154	191	543
Mehl	129	148	152	429
Higgins	157	150	156	463
Harker	162	144	155	461
Kirkham	159	152	154	465
Totals	899	797	891	2577

COLYEAR MOTOR SALES

Handicap	14	15	16	45
Kleinke	149	165	167	481
Mapes	117	199	169	485
Harker	127	148	152	427
McClary	206	141	182	529
Hanser	178	153	147	478
Totals	810	849	861	2520

PITTSBURGH PAINTS

Peterson	224	172	173	569
Hendrie	198	149	167	504
Carlsens	129	148	152	429
Blatchford	105	182	174	461
Lindstrand	190	191	152	533
Totals	905	827	792	2524

WOODRUM

Handicap	76	76	76	228
Shaw	129	148	152	429
Austin	107	130	150	387
Willeford	187	158	153	498
Hend	181	167	152	499
Smith	159	152	148	459
Totals	780	852	794	2426

BUDD'S PLACE

Newman	145	190	166	441
Fogland	145	190	166	441
Burch	175	162	158	495
Wolf	154	178	181	453
Hart	154	178	181	453
Totals	788	888	765	2441

Tourney Lineup Is Revised by OSHSAA

Lower Bracket Changed in Four Spots; Coleman, Piluso, Heniges Named to Referee; 2 Clubs not in

A declaration from the office of Troy Walker, OSHSAA executive secretary, that the "flip of a coin" method employed by the winning teams from district six was not authorized by the OSHSAA, yesterday resulted in a slight re-alignment of the lower bracket of the state high school basketball tournament which will open its 21st annual session in the Willamette gymnasium a week from tomorrow.

'Pure' Mat Bill Slated at Armory

Dude Chick, Herb Parks to Tangle in Cleanie Clash; Newcomers Scheduled

Virtuous mat virtuosos take the spotlight in tonight's armory tiffs, with extra righteous Dude Chick meeting super efficacious Herb Parks in the one-hour main event.

"It'll be almost as clean as the driven snow," said Promoter Herb Owen, waxing poetical in his announcement of the match.

Chick, erstwhile cowboy from Colorado, is an ardent exponent of the airplane spin, while Parks, Portlander, is rated as one of the most versatile straight-away middleweight grapplers in the game.

Two newcomers will make their bows in the supporting attractions. The first is Suga Mayacki, a Japanese fresh from conquests in southern California rings, will meet Silent Rattan, the popular deaf mute, in the 45-minute semifinal. The second, Don Sebastian, a Spaniard, will open the show against Prince Haki, the Arab chieftain who returns here after a sojourn in northern California and southern Oregon.

Promoter Herb Owen has named Bobby Chick as arbiter for the matches, the first of which goes on at 8:30. The armory doors swing open at 7:30.

The complete first-round lineup: Wednesday, 1 p. m.—Helix vs. district 15, to be decided at Junction City Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week among the finalists of Linn, Lane, Lincoln and Benton counties.

Wednesday, 2 p. m.—Butte Falls vs. district 15, to be decided at McMinnville Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week among the finalists of Clackamas, Washington, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Yamhill, Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook counties.

Wednesday, 3 p. m.—Klamath Falls vs. Baker. Thursday, 4 p. m.—Salem vs. North Bend. Wednesday, 5 p. m.—Pendleton vs. Chemawa.

Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.—Ashland vs. Tillamook. Wednesday, 8:30 p. m.—Lebanon vs. University high. Thursday, 9 p. m.—Oregon City vs. Astoria.

Maki to Make SF Run for Finland

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—(AP)—Taisto Maki, 141 pounds of tireless energy and the world's greatest long distance runner, races here tomorrow night in the service of his native Finland.

Hauled out of the trenches in his country's fight against Russia, Maki makes his initial competitive appearance in the US in a three-mile race. He will run against Ted Vollmer and Lorin McIntyre, of the University of California, and Ed Preston of the San Francisco Olympic club. Proceeds of the indoor track meet, which numbers many other events, will go to the Finnish relief fund.

Paavo Nurmi, countryman of Maki and himself world's greatest runner twenty years ago, will perform in a half-mile exhibition race. Nurmi is accompanying Maki on the countrywide tour as trainer and manager.

Carberry Becomes Portland Mentor

SILVERTON — Rev. Richard Carberry, pastor of the St. Paul Catholic parish here, has received appointment as athletic director and head coach of Portland's Central Catholic high school for boys, according to an announcement made Saturday by the Most Rev. Edward D. Howard, archbishop of Portland.

Father Carberry is a member of the famous Carberry family and is well known throughout the state in athletic circles. He was coach of St. Mary's high school in Eugene for three years, where his basketball team won two state Catholic titles and tied with Eugene high for the district championship one year.

One brother, Judge Glenn M. Carberry, served as captain of the Notre Dame football team in 1923 and is now line coach at Fordham university.

Father Carberry came to Silverton from Eugene three years ago. His successor here has not been made known.

USC Is Beatable, Says Slats Gill

PORTLAND, March 4.—(AP)—Coach Slats Gill would make no predictions here yesterday on his Oregon State college team's chances against University of Southern California for the Pacific coast conference basketball title.

"USC can be beaten," he said. "Stanford and California each did it once." The Staters, northern division champions, will leave Corvallis Tuesday for Los Angeles to play the Trojans March 8 and 9. A third game will be played March 11 if necessary.

WRESTLING

Herb Parks vs. Dude Chick 1 Hour
Silent Rattan vs. Suga Mayacki 45 Minutes
Prince Haki vs. Don Sebastian 30 Minutes

Salem Armory Tonight, 8:30

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